City of Newport Beach

Newport Beach City Arts Commission January 10, 2008– 5:00pm Central Library Friends Room

CONVENED AT 5:03pm

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL

Commissioners Present: Carol Starcevic, Secretary

Robyn Grant, Vice Chair

Wendy Brooks Gerald Allison Arlene Cartozian

Kirwan Rockefeller, Chair

Gil Lasky

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Jana Barbier, Staff Liaison, Cultural Arts Coordinator; Linda

Katsouleas, Library Services Director

Public Present: Sage Hill School Student's: Jia Hua Juszczak, Hanna Sender,

and Karam Sethi: Patricia Jorgensen, Newport Beach Arts

Foundation.

Public Comments: Staff introduced students. Kirwan Rockefeller asked each Arts

Commissioner to introduce his or herself, providing information

on their background.

The students discussed "The Community Mural Project," an inservice program coordinated by senior art students at Sage Hill School. The students passed around a written description of the project describing their mission statement, explanation of Sage Hill School service learning and project overview. Discussion ensued as to the materials that would be used, places to install a portable mural, a time-frame for the project, and other community arts projects that students could become involved with. Chair Rockefeller asked Arts Commissioners Cartozian and Allison to set up an ad hoc committee to further discussions with the students and to report back to the Arts

Commission.

Approval of Minutes:

It was MSP (Starcevic/Brooks) to approve the December 13, 2007 minutes.

New Business:

Rockefeller thanked everyone for participating in the fantastic Christmas Party.

Continued Business:

Staff Report / Correspondence - Reviewed and filed.

Staff noted that she had met with Bill Grundy and additional work had been completed on the McFadden Square Centennial Legacy Project historical timeline.

Committee Updates:

Performing Arts Committee -

Carol Starcevic stated that she and staff had met with Jerold Kappel of Opera Pacific regarding a concert in the park on July 20, 2008. She noted that the performance would be in English, geared toward families and that the performers would wear costumes. A second meeting would be planned at Grant Howald Park to discuss specific logistics at that site.

Discussion ensued as to setting up a meeting in January to make a decision on the two other concerts in the parks that were budgeted for the summer of 2008. Staff stated that Shakespeare by the Sea was scheduled for August 2 and 3 in 2008. Arts Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of holding Shakespeare by the Sea in Grant Howald Park again and unanimously recommended trying it at Bonita Canyon Sports Park in 2008.

Fine Arts Committee -

Commissioner Cartozian reminded the committee that a new exhibit had been installed at the library. The artist is George Seitz and his show is titled "Newport Beach après nuit – Night Images." Seitz has a large collection on images of Newport Beach at night, and had selected several for the show at the library.

Cartozian also reminded the commission that the city employee art show was currently on display at City Hall.

Arts Commissioners discussed the upcoming 2008 Orange County Artist Juried Exhibition that would be taking place on March 1 at Central Library, and agreed to be in attendance at 9:00am that day. The group also agreed that the Newport Beach Arts Foundation would coordinate the accounting on any sales. The commissioners asked staff to increase the mailing this year and to be sure there was plenty of publicity.

Art in Public Places Committee -

Staff noted that the next phase of the McFadden sculpture approval by City Council was tentatively scheduled for February 12. If that date wasn't realistic, February 26 would be scheduled.

A groundbreaking was being planned by the McFadden Square Centennial Committee, tentatively for February 23. When a date was confirmed, a letter would be sent to donors for the project, inviting them to attend.

Commissioner Brooks stated that a site for City Hall would be selected at the election on February 5 and that she would report on this at the next Arts Commission meeting.

Civic Auditorium Facility Committee -

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Arts Foundation Liaison Committee -

Commissioner Lasky noted that the Arts Foundation had had a good meeting the prior evening and that the group had a substantial balance from recent events. Grant noted that the group would be donating \$1500 to the Arts Commission, toward the balance on their McFadden Square project; and \$3500 would be given to the Marine 1/1 Memorial Committee for the memorial being installed in Castaways Park.

Commissioner Announcements -

Commissioner Starcevic asked commissioners to mark their calendars for the Mayor's Dinner on February 8 at the Marriott.

It was noted that the next McFadden meeting would take place on February 24 at 5:30pm.

Library Director Katsouleas complimented the Arts Commission on their accomplishments in the last five years.

It was MSP (Allison/Rockefeller) to adjourn the meeting. Adjournment: 5:55p.m.